



# Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

## The Voice of Business for August



### August 12, 2024 Luncheon Back to School with IASC

**When:** Aug 6, 2024

**Where:** Timberlake Lodge Hotel

**Time:** 11:45 a.m.  
Buffet lunch, 12:00 pm Luncheon begins.

**Cost:** \$15.00 members  
\$20.00 nonmembers

**RSVP required:** 218-326-6619 or email Kerry@grandmn.com no later than Aug 6, 2024



Jackie Skelly  
IASC Executive Director



Scott Patrow  
IASC Director of Career Pathways



Darla Rahne  
IASC Director of Early Learning

Join Us for a Discussion with the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative (IASC)

The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to a special discussion featuring the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative (IASC). This event will offer an insightful look into who IASC is and the significant work they are doing to support our school district families, students, and the wider community.

**Learn About:**

- Who IASC Is: An introduction to the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative and its mission.
  - Connecting, Serving, and Supporting: How IASC connects with families, students, and communities to provide essential support.
  - Partnerships with Businesses and Communities: Ways in which IASC partners with local businesses and communities to address workforce and childcare needs.
  - Identified Community Needs: A discussion on the needs identified within our community and the steps IASC is taking to address these needs for the future.
- Featured Speakers:**

Our speakers will present information on IASC's initiatives and future plans, and we invite you to share your thoughts on how IASC can better support and partner with our community.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with key figures from IASC and learn how their efforts are making a positive impact

#### Calendar of Events for 2024

- Chamber Monthly Luncheon Aug 12, 2024
- Golf Outing & Fun Day Sept. 19, 2024
- Taking Care of Business Dec. 4, 2024

#### Chamber Committee Meetings


- Ambassador - Third Wednesday/ monthly, noon - 1:00pm
  - Government Affairs - Last Friday/ monthly, 7:30am - 9:00am
  - Forestry Affairs - Last Friday/ monthly, 9:15am - 10:45 am
- Chamber member, you are welcome to come and check them out to see if you are interested in joining.



United Way of 1000 Lakes




YEARS OF IMPACT



**LUNCHEON SPECIAL EVENT**

Please join us at 11:30 AM for a special event to celebrate the two chosen 2024 graduates who will receive this year's GRACC Scholarship. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Majestic Pines for their sponsorship, which enables us to support these students in furthering their education.




#### STUFF THE BUS

Stuff the Bus, a **United Way of 1000 Lakes** program, helps students from low-income families with school supplies, preparing them for their academic studies, building their self-esteem, and setting them up for success.

The program provides backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies for students in kindergarten to 12th grade who live or attend school in Itasca County and the surrounding communities of Hill City, Bena, and the Leech Lake Reservation.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, United Way is seeking donations of backpacks and school supplies, such as markers, folders, and three-ring binders. Through August, items can be brought to various community sites, including United Way (350 NW 1st Ave., Suite A, Grand Rapids). Donations are also accepted at [uwlakes.org/#donate](http://uwlakes.org/#donate).

#### COLLECTION EVENTS

**Chamber Luncheon**  
Timberlake Lodge  
144 17th St SE, Grand Rapids  
August 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Stuff the Bus**  
Target (parking lot)  
2140 S Pokegama Ave  
August 8, 3 to 7 p.m.  
August 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Stuff the Bus**  
WALMART (inside display)  
100 SE 29th St, Grand Rapids  
July-August

**Backpack Packing Party**  
Klockow Brewing Company  
36 SE 10th St, Grand Rapids  
August 15th, 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information about Stuff the Bus, including a supplies list and volunteer opportunities, visit [uwlakes.org/stuff-the-bus](http://uwlakes.org/stuff-the-bus).



# Ribbon Cuttings

## Bolton & Menk



Bolton & Menk is excited to expand our engineering and planning services to the Grand Rapids area! We held an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony at our new location at 504 NW 1st Avenue, Suite 205 in Grand Rapids on June 25.

At Bolton & Menk, we believe all people should live in safe, sustainable, and beautiful communities. Since 1949, we have specialized in providing community infrastructure solutions. As we continue to grow, our dedication to building trust and ensuring a true partnership with our clients remains the same. Our goal is to help communities make progress by listening to what people want, finding the best solution for their needs, and treating them right. From advocating for our communities to designing their dreams to finding funding; we take pride in our work because we live here, too. We promise every client two things: We'll work hard for you, and we'll do a good job. We take a personal interest in the work being done around us and do our part to build a better quality of life for all. We're Real People offering Real Solutions.

For more information, check out our website: [bolton-menk.com](http://bolton-menk.com)

Left to right: Brian Guldan (Principal Environmental Engineer), Dean Helstrom (Senior Project Manager), Josh Stier (Principal Engineer and Northeast Minnesota Work Group Leader), Owen Todd (Principal Engineer) GRACC Ambassadors: Debbie Tahtinen - Midland Title, Danielle Witherill- Edward Jones, Laurie Clausen - Edward Jones, LeAnn Hardy - City Limit Storage

## Arrowhead Transit



Arrowhead Transit celebrated its 50th anniversary with a ribbon-cutting event hosted by the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce at our Grand Rapids, Minnesota garage. From 4 pm to 6 pm, around 20 guests joined us for an evening of great food, wonderful company, and fond memories.

The highlight was the 4:30 pm ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking our half-century of service and serving Itasca County. Guests enjoyed a delicious charcuterie board, homemade cupcakes, and a bus tour which were a big hit.

This was the third of five-anniversary celebrations, with the next one set for August 8th in International Falls, Minnesota.

The evening was filled with joy and community support, reaffirming our dedication to top-notch transportation services. We deeply appreciate the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and everyone who joined us. Arrowhead Transit remains committed to excellent service and community partnership.

Here's to many more successful years!

Left to right: GRACC Ambassadors: Stacia Rom, Jenna Tadych - The Emeralds, Debbie Tahtinen - Midland Title, Laurie Clausen - Edward Jones, Lori Gill - UPM Blandin



# New Chamber Members



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Trails Inn Quadna Mountain Motel & RV Campground  
100 Quadna Mountain Rd  
Hill City, MN 55748  
Phone: (218) 506-8030

# Register Your Team Now



Golf Outing & Fun Day  
at Pokegama Golf Course  
Thursday, September 19, 2024  
\$400 Hole Sponsorship (Limit 20)  
\$250 Prize Sponsorship  
Individual Golfer - \$125

More info coming soon - Also available at [grandmn.com](http://grandmn.com)  
For info email [Kerry@grandmn.com](mailto:Kerry@grandmn.com)

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Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

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